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Venice, January 5.

WE have Advice from Milan, that notwithſtanding all the D. of Vendome's Precaution, Gen. Staremberg, at the Head of 15000 Men, Horſe and Foot, paſs'd the Secchia over 3 Bridges on Chriſtmas-day; and being oppos'd by a Body of French at Concordia he defeated them, with the loſs of the Marqueſs de Vautrai and ſeveral Men on the French ſide: The Marqueſs de Bezons was wounded in that Action. On the 27th there was another Action at the Attack of a Poſt which the Imperialiſts forc'd. The Imperialiſts left in Oſtiglia, Revere, and the Mirandolan, are commanded by Gen. Trautmanſdorf. A Detachment of the French paſs'd the Secchia to ſurprize Quiſtello, but were repuls'd by General Bagni.

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Paris, Jan. 14. The 9th the King receiv'd Letters by a Courier from the D. of Vendome, with Advice, that notwithſtanding all the Diligence he could uſe, Count Staremberg had gain'd a March of 4 Leagues of him; and had paſs'd the Croſtolo, the Parma, the Taro, &c. ſo that he judg'd it impoſſible to prevent that General's joyning the D. of Savoy. But, the 11th in the Morning, his Majeſty receiv'd a ſecond Courier from the D. of Vendome, with Advice, that he had march'd with ſo much Expedition, that on the 4th he fell upon the Enemies Rear Guard at Stradella, of which place they had poſſeſs'd themſelves a little before, and that he had kill'd 400 of them, and taken as many Priſoners; that Monſ. de St. Fremont was wounded, and that he was purſuing them hard, to endeavour to hinder their joyning the D. of Savay, who was advanc'd to Aſti; and that the Grand Prior with a ſuperior Number of Troops was poſted at Aqui to obſerve the Motions of his Royal Highneſs.

Paris, Jan. 17. The following Letter concerning the Action at Stradella was written by the D. of Vendome the 4th of this Month, [*The Perſon to whom this Letter was written is not mention'd.*]

'TO day we got up with the Enemies Rear Guard, which immediately I order'd to be attack'd. Between 3 and 400 of them were kill'd on the Spot; and we took 300 Waggons drawn by Oxen, with above 1000 Rations of Bread and Biſcuit, with much Baggage: We took above 500 Priſoners, and I believe that beſides the Loſs I have mention'd, this Action coſt them above 1000 Men who diſpers'd themſelves about the Country. I march'd without loſing time to the Enemies Retrenchments at Stradella, which I caus'd to be attack'd by our Grenadiers, who carried them after a moderate Reſiſtance. Our Troops hang upon their Rear Guard, and 'twas very unfortunate General Sartirana could not hold out the Caſtle of Stradella ſome hours longer, for could he have done it the Enemies Army had been utterly ruin'd. I deſire you to tranſmit this Letter to the Marſhal de Theſſe.

From the Camp of the Duke of Vendome *at* Stradella, Jan. 4. Yeſterday we encamp'd at Ermida, 7 Miles from San Giovanni, from whence Gen. Solari retir'd that Night with the Enemies Rear Guard. We follow'd them cloſe as far as Stradella, and kill'd 400 of them and took as many, with above 200 Waggons, which they abandon'd to purſue their March. To day we found the ſame Rear Guard behind the Retrenchments at Stradella. Their Van Guard arriv'd there yeſterday Morning, and prevented the Count d'Eſtain who was marching to ſecure that Poſt: Our Grenadiers vigorouſly attack'd the Rear Guard compos'd of Horſe and Dragoons of Foot; but they having thrown up Ditches and fell'd Trees croſs the Paſſages, they had time to retire with the loſs of ſome kill'd and taken. After which we came to this Caſtle, and we are inform'd that the Count of Sartirana, after ſome reſiſtance ſurrendred himſelf and Garriſon conſiſting of 200 Men Priſoners of War to the Enemy. The D. of Vendome is march'd forwards to Brone, and does not deſpair of falling again upon the Rear Guard if not upon the Main Body of the Enemies; becauſe they have ſeveral Rivers to paſs ſtill before they can get into Piemont.

The D. of Vendome has a Body of 16 or 18000 Men, but 'tis ſaid the Enemies are ſuperior in Horſe. 'Tis hoped the Grand Prior will advance with 10000 Men to diſpute their Paſſage into Piemont, and that they may be enclos'd between this Army and his. The Enemy will encamp to Night at Voghera, and we ſhall march thither tomorrow. The Marſhal de Theſſe was yeſterday at Pavia. The Thaw that is come after the Snows, renders the Ways impracticable.

Baſil, Jan. 16. They write from Milan that on the 8th the Imperialiſts were gone towards the Frontiers of Piemont, to the Number of 14 or 15000 Men, Horſe and Foot. Their March was ſo expeditious, conſidering the bad Weather, that it ſeems incredible. In ſome places where they found the Dirt very troubleſome they paſs'd through it barefoot. They write from Turin that the Grand Prior is retir'd from Aſti, at the approach of the D. of Savoy's Troops, fearing to be enclos'd between them and the Imperialiſts.

Amſterdam, Jan. 25. Private Letters from Turin of the 8th of this Month, run thus, The French, but a few days ago, threaten'd Turin: The Junction of the Imperialiſts with our Duke, has render'd their Menaces vain: Indeed, they are brought into a very dangerous Condition, ſeeing there is no paſſage left for Succours to come to them from France: For, it is not likely the Genoueſe will grant them any, if it be true that they have diſcover'd a Conſpiracy of the French to ſurprize their City. It would be of no little Service to them indeed to have a Port of that Conſequence in their Hands, but we expect a Confirmation of this Diſcovery before we give entire credit to it.

From Aoſte in Piemont, Jan. 12. General Staremberg has not yet been able to joyn his Royal Highneſs, by reaſon of the badneſs of the Ways, which oblig'd that General to halt ſome days at Voghera, which Place furniſh'd 200 Head of Cattle for the Refreſhment of the Imperialiſts. The Marſhal de Theſſe, who, 'tis ſaid, was in motion with 3000 Men, is retir'd into Pavia. Our Duke was at Gambetta on the 9th in the Morning with all his Troops: That place is 5 Miles from Aſti. The Grand Prior is not a little perplex'd to ſee his Troops are canton'd in ſuch a Spot of Ground that they are in a manner block'd up by our Peaſants aſſiſted by a few Regular Troops, and he has not been able to get Waggons enough to remove his Proviſions from Aſti. However, he is march'd out of that Place, having left a weak Garriſon in it. *P. S.* His Royal Highneſs, who is on the March with his Army, has ſent Orders hither for all the Forces that are in a readineſs here, to march to joyn

joyn him with all Expedition; which makes it thought he is upon the Point of joyning the Impelialiſts.

Turin, Jan. 11. The Imperialiſts took 50 Officers and 200 Soldiers with the Count de Sartirana in Stradella; which was the only Place where the Enemy reckon'd they ſhould certainly be able to ſtop their Paſſage, and then to attack them in the Rear with 50 Battallions led by the Duke of Vendome. The Germans are at Voghera, they were forc'd to draw their Cannon through the Dirt upon Sleds, and 500 Peaſants march'd before them to mend the Ways, and the like number in their Rear to ſpoil them, by felling great Trees acroſs them and digging Trenches. Our Peaſants have ſurrounded the French in ſeveral Places, particularly in Paſſeran, in ſuch a manner, that 'twill be difficult for the Enemy to diſengage themſelves.

From the Leiden Gazette, dated Jan. 29.

Turin, Jan. 15. On the 11th Count Staremberg paſs'd the Bormia, and has ſince joyn'd our Duke, who advanc'd with his Troops 7 Leagues into the Mantuan Montferrat to facilitate that Junction. The French have entirely quitted Piemont.

Milan, Jan. 15. We learn there has been a Skirmiſh on the Bormia between the Duke of Vendome's Troops and the Rear Guard of the Imperialiſts; but the former having the worſt of it, retir'd to Alexandria, leaving the Imperialiſts a free Paſſage over the River. This Rear Guard joyn'd the D. of Savoy the 11th, and C. Staremberg with the main Body the 14th.

From the Paris Gazette a la Main, dated Jan. 21.

Paris, Jan. 21. An Expreſs diſpatch'd by the D. of Vendome on the 12th, arriv'd at Court on the 19th, with the News of a third Action with the Rear Guard of the Imperial Army at the Paſſage of the Bormia. The D. of Vendome having paſs'd the Orbat, a little River that falls into the Po at Alexandria, with 1500 Grenadiers and 700 Horſe; He advanc'd towards Chaſtelnovo on the Bormia, where he was inform'd Gen. Solari was intrench'd with 6 Battallions and 1000 Horſe. He halted a while for part of his Troops to joyn him, but receiving Intelligence that the Bridge by which they were to paſs the Orbat was broken, and ſeeing Night drew on, he reſolv'd not to ſlip an Occaſion of fighting. and order'd the Marqueſs de St. Fremont and the Count de Bezons to put themſelves at the Head of the Cavalry, and the Count d'Albergotti to lead the Infantry. Then he advanc'd towards the Enemy, their Horſe gave ground at the firſt Diſcharge and took to the River; their Infantry made a vigorous reſiſtance, being ſupported by a Body that was on the other ſide the Bormia, and by the Cannon of a Caſtle ſtanding on the other ſide that River likewiſe; but the Grenadiers with their Bayonets at the Muzzle of their Pieces, broke into the Infantry who were likewiſe oblig'd to run into the Water. Gen. Solari who commanded this Rear Guard, was kill'd, and a Count of Lichtenſtein mortally wounded; between 7 and 800 of the Enemy were kill'd and 300 made Priſoners; 7 of their Standards were taken, 6 of which were of the Regiment of Staremberg which was defeated, together with ſome Baggage and a great number of Oxen and Horſes. On our ſide 35 or 40 Officers were kill'd or wounded. Theſe Letters add, that the Imperialiſts were marching up the ſide of the Bormia, and that the Duke of Vendome keeps pace with them.

From the Amſterdam Gazette, dated Feb. 1.

Paris, Jan. 21. Upon the Arrival of a Courier from Italy, a Report is ſpread that the Imperialiſts and the D. of Savoy joyn'd the 13th inſtant ſomewhere between Vellenenuve d'Aſti and Nizza. And ſome Letters ſay, the D. of Vendome is return'd to Milan, and that from thence he intends to go back again to Cremona, Mantua, and San Benedetto, to give Order for the Magazines to be remov'd to Pavia, Lodi, and Novare, being oblig'd by this Junction to bring the greateſt part of the Army of the 2 Crowns into the Montferrat.

Hague, Jan. 30. Yeſterday the D. of Marlborough came hither, and this Morning was in Conference with ſome of the States Deputies. We have Advice that Mr. Hill and Monſ. Vander Meer, Envoys of England and Holland to the D. of Savoy, arriv'd at Turin the 14th of this Month. The Marqueſs del Borgo, Envoy Extraordinary from the D. of Savoy, has notified to the Congreſs of the Miniſters of the Allies, the Junction of Count Staremberg with his Royal Highneſs.

Deale, Jan. 25. Yeſterday a Dutch Privateer of 18 Guns and 100 Men, brought in a French Prize of 24 Guns and 80 Men.

For the Benefit of the Author.

AT the Theatre Royal in *Drury-Lane*, this preſent *Thurſday* being the 27th of *January*, will be preſented a new Play never acted but once, call'd, *Love the Leveller*, or, *The Pretty Purchaſe*. With ſeveral Entertainments of Muſick, Singing and Dancing.

AT the New Theatre in *Little-Lincolns-Inn-Fields*, this preſent *Thurſday* being the 27th of *January*, will be preſented a Play call'd, *Timon of Athens*, or, *The Man-Hater*.

WHereas the Shop of Mr. *Roger Warn* of *Chipenham* in *Wiltſhire*, was broke open the 21ſt inſtant, and there was taken away ſeveral Peeces of Callender'd Hollands, ſome of them Yard-wide, and the others Ell-wide, ſeveral Remnants of Dowlis, about 10 Yards of fine Ell-wide painted Callico, the colour Blue, Red, Black and White, about 12 Yards of Scarlet and Black flower'd Hair Shag, and ſeveral ſmaller Parcels of Hair Shag, about 18 Womens ſilk Girdles of ſeveral colours, about 30 Peeces, half peeces, and ſmaller quantities of Ribbon of ſeveral breadths and colours, about 24 pair of Youths worſted Hoſe, and ſeveral Pounds of Stitching and Sewing Silk moſt colours, and other Mercery Wares. If any Perſon can give Tidings of the ſaid Goods, ſo as they may be recover'd again, ſhall have Five Pound, or proportionable for any part.

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WHereas there was a handle of a Spoon with a Creſt, ſtop'd at the *Black-a-moor's Head* in *Foſter-lane* the 25th inſtant, any one telling the Creſt, and paying the Charges, may have it again.

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